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DELIVER AT OPENING OF BUSINESS WH60072

NOTE: PLEASE NOTIFY WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM BY SERVICE WIRE UPON DELIVERY TO SECRETARY RUMSFELD. HE MAY BE REACHED AT THE HAMBURG PLAZA, ROOMS 2522-2525, WOULD YOU PLEASE INFORM MR. RUMSFELD WHERE YOU MAY BE REACHED FOR SENDING A REPLY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

DETACH LINE

JANUARY 20, 1976

TO: DON RUMSFELD
FROM: BRENT SCORCROFT

1. I HAD SENT TO THE PRESIDENT A PACKAGE RECOMMENDING THAT HE SEND LETTERS TO SENATORS MANSFIELD, SCOTT, MAGNUSON, SPARKMAN, AND STENNIS URGING THAT THE 200 MILE FISHERIES BILL BE RECOMMITTED TO THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE FOR 90 DAYS.

2. THE PRESIDENT DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH ME THIS AFTERNOON AND DECIDED THAT HE WOULD PREFER THAT THE LETTER COME FROM YOU, HENRY AND ROGERS MORTON RATHER THAN FROM HIM. HE APPROVES THE LETTER AS IT IS QUOTED BELOW.

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3. FRIEDENSDORF SAYS WE MUST GET THE LETTERS DELIVERED ON JANUARY 21 TO HAVE ANY EFFECT. IF YOU HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THE LETTER AND THIS COURSE OF ACTION, I WILL HAVE CLEMENTS SIGN IT IN THE MORNING WITH AN INDICATION THAT YOU HAVE SEEN AND APPROVED (DOING THE SAME FOR HENRY). WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CLEARANCE BY EARLY MORNING SO WE CAN COMPLETE THE PROCESS IN A TIMELY MANNER.

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BEGIN TEXT:

S. 961, A BILL TO EXTEND UNILATERALLY A 200-MILE FISHERIES JURISDICTION OFF THE COAST OF THE UNITED STATES, WILL SOON BE BEFORE THE FULL SENATE FOR CONSIDERATION. A FULL REVIEW OF ALL THE ISSUES SURROUNDING SUCH AN IMPORTANT MEASURE AS THIS IS ESSENTIAL; THEREFORE, WE RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST THAT THIS LEGISLATION BE RECOMMITTED TO THE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE FOR A THOROUGH REVIEW.

THERE ARE SEVERAL REASONS WHY A REASSESSMENT OF S. 961 IS NECESSARY AND JUSTIFIED AT THIS TIME. THE FIRST IS TO GIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE RESULTS OF FISHERY NEGOTIATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED SINCE THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE HEARINGS ON S. 961 WERE HELD. THERE HAVE BEEN DEVELOPMENTS OF IMPORTANCE TO THIS NATION'S FISHERY INTERESTS. AT THE SEPTEMBER 1975 SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES (ICNAF), 17 NATIONS THAT FISH OFF OUR COASTS FROM MAINE TO NORTH CAROLINA AGREED TO A 34 PERCENT REDUCTION IN FOREIGN FISHING FROM THE 1975 QUOTAS. THIS QUOTA REPRESENTS A 55 PER CENT REDUCTION IN FOREIGN FISHING COMPARED TO THE 1973 LEVELS THAT WERE PRESENTED AT THE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE HEARINGS. UNDER THE CURRENT ICNAF AGREEMENT, THE TOTAL ECOLOGICAL BALANCE IN THE AREA IS NOW EXPECTED TO BE RESTORED.

IN ADDITION TO SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN ICNAF, THE ADMINISTRATION HAS TAKEN FISHERIES INITIATIVES DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE AN ORDERLY TRANSITION TO A 200-MILE FISHERIES ZONE THROUGH INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATION RATHER THAN UNILATERAL ACTION. THE FIRST OF THE AGREEMENTS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS INITIATIVE HAS BEEN NEGOTIATED. THOSE AGREEMENTS WILL EMBODY APPROPRIATE NEW PRINCIPLES TO IMPLEMENT A TRANSITION TO A 200-MILE FISHERIES ZONE FOR THE UNITED STATES, AND SHOULD SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE THE LEVEL OF FOREIGN FISHING BY NATIONS IN THE AREAS COVERED BY THE AGREEMENTS.

SECOND, UPDATED FISHERIES DATA HAS BEEN DEVELOPED REGARDING THE STATUS OF OUR COASTAL FISHERIES STOCKS WHICH REFLECT THE RESULTS OF THESE NEGOTIATING ACHIEVEMENTS. IN EVALUATING THE NEED FOR S. 961, THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE SHOULD CAREFULLY EXAMINE THIS NEW DATA TO PROPERLY JUDGE THE ADEQUACY OF PROTECTION FOR EXISTING STOCKS AND THE PROSPECTS FOR FULL PROTECTION IN THE NEW NEGOTIATING CLIMATE.

THIRD, THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE RECONVENES IN NEW YORK ON MARCH 15. U.S. WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT A 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE IS IMPORTANT TO OUR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE OTHER OCEANS AGREEMENTS EQUALLY VITAL TO OUR SECURITY INTERESTS. WE BELIEVE STRONGLY THAT WE SHOULD GIVE THESE MULTILATERAL EFFORTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROCEED WITHOUT SERIOUS DISRUPTIONS OF UNILATERAL ACTION, PARTICULARLY

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BY A LEADING MARITIME NATION SUCH AS THE UNITED STATES.

WE FULLY SHARE THE CONCERN OF THE CONGRESS TO PROTECT OUR FISHERY INTERESTS BUT A LEGISLATIVE MEASURE WITH THE MAJOR CONSEQUENCES ATTENDANT UPON S. 961 DESERVES THE MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION IN THE CONTEXT OF A SUBSTANTIVELY CHANGED SITUATION AND THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE. WE URGE THAT YOU SUPPORT A MOTION TO RECOMMIT S. 961 TO THE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE FOR 90 DAYS FOR A CAREFUL REEVALUATION.

SINCERLY

(HENRY A. KISSINGER) (DONALD RUMSFELD) (ROGERS C.B. MORTON)
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